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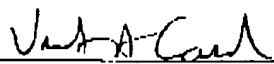
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 11, 2003, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response expires on March 11, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Request for Continued Examination filing fee in the amount of \$385.00 to U.S. Deposit Account No. 08-1935. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional filing fees, or credit any overpayments to PTO Deposit Account No. 08-1935.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.